

what if no poem at all comes
if all that's ever gonna come is
a phone call
a knock at the door

it's a dumb question i rather not hear it

we've all got it coming
5 years & more
it'll take a poem plus

like dead jimmy newell
an IQ 140 plus

to beat that rap

another knock at the door (i'm not making this up)
i musta changed my mind becoz i anserd it
whoever it was was already gone

it seems to hav been a successful maneuver not ansering
the phone / nobody calld
nobody but dead jimmy newell

-- rbt head 15 aug 67

New Orleans, La.

A Lady, Entering

(from VOICES)

What the hell
's the matter
with you,

mister.
Don't you know
when a lady

enters the room,
a gentleman
's always

stands up.

The Hunter, Megler Ferry

(from VOICES)

Like I always
say, a man
deserves just

one good woman
and one good
dog in a life-

time, and I've
already had
two good dogs.

-- William R. Slaughter

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